

**A RESOLUTION AS SUBSTITUTED
BY COUNCILMEMBER CEASAR C. MITCHELL**

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CITY COURT OF ATLANTA PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Georgia Constitution of 1983 provides for the creation of the special courts of limited jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly created the City Court of Atlanta, which is a state court of limited jurisdiction created to handle traffic matters arising in the jurisdictional limits of the City of Atlanta, see, 1996 Georgia Laws, p. 627, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the authorizing statute provides no mechanism by which discussions between the governing authority of the City of Atlanta and the judges of the City Court of Atlanta can be facilitated on the critical issues of budgeting, enhancement of services and the enforcement of traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this committee will; (1) open structured lines of communication between the City Court, the governing authority and the executive branches of City government; (2) provide for the exchange of financial updates and projections; (3) facilitate communication and support concerning capital expansions and improvements; and (4) promote the coordination and promulgation of legislative initiatives.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES that pursuant to the authority in Section 3-401(a) of the Charter, a City Court of Atlanta Planning and Advisory Committee be created.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such committee be constituted as follows:

- (1) Chief Judge, City Court of Atlanta, Co-Chair
- (2) Chair, Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, Co-Chair
- (3) Chief Financial Officer, City of Atlanta
- (4) Chief of Police, City of Atlanta
- (5) Solicitor, City Court of Atlanta
- (6) Public Defender, City Court of Atlanta
- (7) City Attorney, City of Atlanta
- (8) Chief Operating Officer, City of Atlanta

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Court of Atlanta Planning and Advisory Committee shall meet no less than once a quarter. That no later than 30 days after the close of said meeting a report shall be prepared by the Committee Co-Chairs and distributed to all members of the City Council, Council President and the Mayor.